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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5790
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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 2629

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AODE GT GU
SUBJECT: MODE - FBI REQUEST TO OPEN REGIONAL OFFICE IN GUATEMALA

REF: STATE 92232

1. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISHMENT
OF FBI OFFICE IN GUATEMALA, IF THIS WERE DESIRED BY WASHINGTON.
HOWEVER, AS AMBASSADOR INFORMED EMBASSY MEXICO LEGATT WACHTER
BY LETTER ON DECEMBER 9, THERE
IS NO WAY IN WHICH LEGATT OFFICE COULD BE FITTED INTO THE
CHANCERY. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS, LEGATT
WOULD HAVE TO BE IN CHANCERY PROPER. CHANCERY BUILDING
ALREADY FULLY OCCUPIED TO OVERFLOWING PARTICULARLY WITH
AID PERSONNEL HERE IN CONNECTION WITH EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUC-
TION PROGRAM. EMBASSY WILL HAVE EVEN MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM
WHEN WE WILL HAVE TO FIND SPACE FOR REDUCED MILGP. MILGP
NOW HOUSED IN ITS OWN BUILDING BUT WHEN IT IS REDUCED
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IN SIZE, PURSUANT TO RECENT CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION, IT
WILL HAVE TO MOVE OUT OF BUILDING AND EMBASSY IS COMMITTED
TO HOUSING RESIDUAL STAFF AT CHANCERY. PRECISE SIZE OF
MILGP WHICH WILL REMAIN (UNDER WHATEVER NAME) IS NOT
KNOWN, BUT CURRENT DOD PROJECTIONS ARE FOR A STAFF OF 12
AND IT IS UNLIKELY TO FALL UNDER SIX INCLUDING GUATEMALAN
PERSONNEL.

2. THERE ARE ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH DEPARTMENT HAS RAISED OF HOST GOVERNMENT REACTION AND POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF LEGATT MOVE AT THIS TIME. THESE ARE CERTAINLY RELEVANT AND LEGITIMATE CONCERN GIVEN THE CURRENT FRICTIONS IN US-Guatemalan RELATIONS IN VARIOUS AREAS. HOWEVER, OM BALANCE EMBASSY BELIEVES GOG REACTION NOT LIKELY TO BE UNDULY NEGATIVE. NEVERTHELESS, FOR SPACE REASONS EXPLAINED ABOVE WE SIMPLY ARE NOT IN A POSITION NOW TO ACCEDE TO FBI REQUEST.
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